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MESA MAN SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTING TO MAKE RICIN

PHOENIX – Casey Cutler, 25, of Mesa, Ariz., was sentenced here today to 36 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton on a charge that Cutler attempted to produce the biological toxin ricin. The indictment charged Cutler with one count of attempting to produce the biological toxin ricin for use as a weapon. Cutler pleaded guilty to the indictment in February.

Cutler's sentence was substantially mitigated by his assistance to authorities involved in the cleanup of his Mesa Apartment, the fact that he was utilizing a recipe that never would have produced ricin and that his intent was to make ricin for personal protection only.

The investigation preceding the complaint was conducted by the FBI and the Mesa Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Joseph C. Welty, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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